

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A vehicle parking brake operating mechanism has a toothed quadrant mounted on a bridge girder of the vehicle's body, a brake operating lever connected thereto, a connector that tenses a brake cable by displacement of a brake operating lever, a locking paw that cooperates with the toothed quadrant and is connected to the brake operating lever, a catch spring for pretensing the hooked paw in the direction of the toothed quadrant, and a rod that can be actuated along the brake operating lever. In order to provide an operating mechanism for reducing the amount of noise created when the parking brake is pulled, a catch spring is embodied as a one-piece dual lever facing away from the toothed quadrant. The rod displaces the locking paw into a disengaging position with the toothed quadrant as a result of the pretensioning force exerted by the catch spring only after said is actuated.